

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9 stand rejected. The Examiner objects to claim 8 but notes that it would be allowable if rewritten form.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been canceled and allowable claim 8 has been placed in independent form. Further, the dependency of some of the dependent claims has been corrected to reflect that claim 8 is now the independent claim.

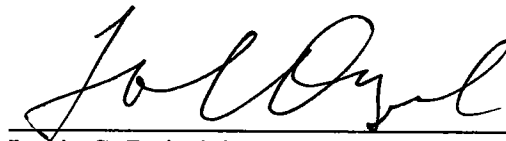
In addition, claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the converter is a switch mode power supply converter and now depends on claim 8.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance, prompt notification of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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